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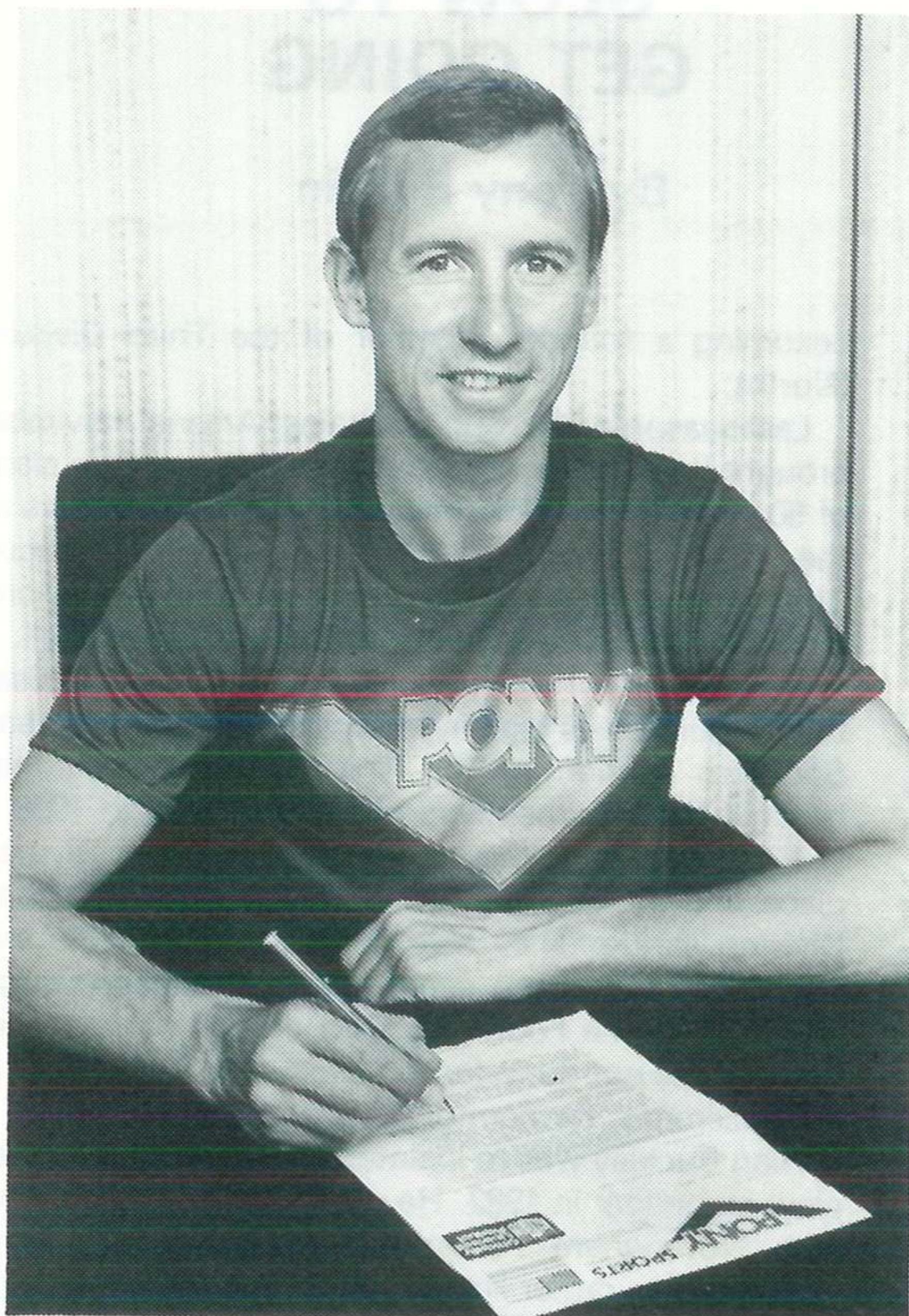
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Since our last home match which was a confidence booster for everyone at the club we've had a good week, although it was a disappointing result to lose at Doncaster. Saturday's was one of the few matches this season in which we have had so many gilt-edged opportunities without cashing in.

After the game Billy Bremner enthused about certain parts of our play and then remarked on the tremendous support we had at the game. I

can only add that the support for Bolton Wanderers this season both at home and away has been tremendous.

But football is all about getting results and I will have to say again that despite the disappointment of another defeat, once everybody gets it right on the day then there's a chance we'll see a few repeats of the Plymouth result in the games to come.

This evening we welcome Walsall who are one of the sides in the Division who like ourselves try to play attractive open football. I'm sure we'll see enough entertainment tonight as we have in most of the matches we have played in this season.

I can equate our position to a side like Watford in the First Division. Although like us they aren't in a good League position at the moment they are still justifying their manager's claims that they will always go out and try to play good football.

One of the tasks when we arrive at an opposition ground is for the players to carry the kit skips into the dressing rooms and I have told Gerry McElhinney and his fellow defenders, that they will continue to do that job until they carry us as a side, by keeping a clean sheet.

I said that last season's 8-1 win against Walsall was a freak result but in view of us already having stuck 7 past Plymouth in our last home game and the promise of more to come you begin to wonder whether it was a freak after all.

So at least even if it was a case of two steps forward and one back last week we managed to put two results together for the first time this season. So give us a shout tonight as I know you will and with a little more composure in the right areas you can expect our results to improve.

FRONT COVER: Tony Caldwell scores the first of his three goals against Plymouth.



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Welcome to the Park

With only one win from their opening six League matches, Walsall found themselves in the lower half of the Third Division table as they went into Saturday's home game with Bristol City. Manager Alan Buckley was hoping for a good result from that one to give the side back its confidence.

Memories of last season's visit to Burnden Park are, of course, still vivid in the Saddlers' boss's mind. They were beaten 8-1 with Tony Caldwell hitting five of our goals.

Walsall come today without an away victory in the League, though they did succeed 2-0 at Swansea in the first round of the Milk Cup.

They did well to draw 1-1 away to newly-promoted York City on the opening day and the point they took from a 1-1 draw at Bradford City was more than welcome. But they were well beaten 0-3 in their last away game at Gillingham.

Walsall proceeded into the second-round of the Milk Cup by beating Swansea again (3-1) and then took on First Division Coventry City in round two, losing 1-2 at home in the first-leg a week ago. Though Mr Buckley has by no means given up hope of winning the tie, the chances must be against the Saddlers repeating last season's wonderful achievements in that tournament.

They scored a remarkable 2-1 win over Arsenal at Highbury and then battled their way to the semi-final where, in another outstanding performance, they held Liverpool to 2-2 at Anfield. With the dream of going to Wembley then a distinct possibility, the Saddlers were shattered when they were beaten 0-2 at home by the Reds.

The story of Walsall F.C. is full of drama though, apart from two famous Cup victories over mighty Arsenal and last season's Milk Cup run, most of the events that have put them into the headlines were more on the debit side. They have on two occasions been thrown out of the Football League.

An amalgamation of two local clubs saw the emergence of Walsall Town Swifts in 1888 and four years later they were elected to the Second Division of the Football League. After only three seasons, they failed to gain re-election but they were voted back again twelve months later.

When they were ejected again in 1901, though, Walsall were left out in the cold for 20 years until

WALSALL SLOW TO GET GOING

By Tony Pullein

becoming a founder member of the Third Division (North).

Last season's Milk Cup tie against Arsenal inevitably brought back memories of another famous Cup clash of 50 years earlier. Then Walsall, humble members of the Third Division (North), entertained League Champions Arsenal in 1933 and beat them 2-0 for one of the greatest upsets then known in Cup football.

Because of their geographical position, Walsall found themselves jumping between the Northern and Southern section of the Third Division until they became founder members of Division Four in 1958.

Two years later they regained their Third Division place and in 1961 they rose once again to Second Division status. They held it for just two years and since then they have spent just one solitary season (1979/80) in the Fourth Division though some recent near-misses put them far too close, to another spell in the basement, for comfort.

Alan Buckley was re-instated for his second spell as player-manager in 1982. He opened his playing career with Nottingham Forest but found his first-team opportunities rather limited. An £18,000 transfer took him to Walsall in 1973 and he was the Saddlers' top scorer for five successive seasons, scoring 146 goals in the process. Such shooting form made him the target for bigger clubs and in 1978 he moved on to Birmingham for £200,000. But he spent less than a year at St. Andrews before re-joining Walsall as player-manager in 1979 for a Walsall record £175,000 fee.

After the League defeat at Burnden Park last season, Walsall were unbeaten in their next 12 games and as the season progressed they became one of the strongest contenders for promotion.

Sadly, the disappointment of their defeat by Liverpool seemed to shatter their confidence and League results began to deteriorate. They were on top of the Third Division at the time but a series of defeats knocked them not only off the top but right out of contention for promotion. They eventually finished sixth.

STEVE CHERRY (Goalkeeper). Steve was signed from Derby during the close-season. He made his first League appearances for the Rams in 1979/80 and two seasons later spent a loan period with Port Vale. He was a regular member of Derby's Second Division side

during the last two seasons.

BRIAN CASWELL (Defender). Brian has been a Walsall professional since 1973 and now looks back on more than 350 League appearances for the Saddlers. He is a former midfield player who now seems to have settled down at full-back.

PHIL HAWKER (Defender). Phil served his apprenticeship with Birmingham and made a couple of dozen League appearances for the Blues before moving on to Walsall two seasons ago.

COLIN BRAZIER (Defender). Colin, signed from Lincoln in 1983, started his League career with Wolves in 1977 and completed 76 League games for the Molineux club before signing for Jacksonville Teamen in 1982. He started 1982/83 with Birmingham City and then moved on to Lincoln.

PETER HART (Defender). Peter served his apprenticeship with Huddersfield, making his League bow in 1974. He completed more than 200 League games for the Yorkshire side before transferring to Walsall for £70,000 in 1980. He missed only one match for Walsall last season.

KENNY MOWER (Defender). Kenny is a local lad who developed in the junior teams at Fellows Park. He made his League debut in 1978/79 and the following season he took over the left-back position which he has held for most of the time since.

IAN HANDYSIDES (Midfield). Ian is a former Birmingham apprentice who got his chance in League soccer with the Blues in 1980/81. Two seasons ago he won a fixed place in their senior side but he dropped out last season and signed for Walsall in January.

CRAIG SHAKESPEARE (Midfield). Craig served his apprenticeship at Fellows Park and, since making his League debut at Huddersfield in September 1982, he has been holding his place in the side.

GARY CHILDS (Midfield). Gary developed with W.B.A. and made a couple of appearances in their First Division side in 1981/82. He initially joined Walsall on loan last season and the full transfer was completed in December.

DAVID PREECE (Midfield). David made his League debut as substitute against Chester in January 1981 and he won a regular place two seasons ago. He scored six times last season.

PETER EASTOE (Forward). Peter joined the Saddlers on loan from W.B.A. at the start of the season. As a youngster with Wolves, he won England youth honours. Swindon signed him for £70,000 in 1974 and he was their top scorer with 31 goals in 1974/75. He moved on to Q.P.R. for £90,000 in 1976 but a year later he became an Everton player. W.B.A. signed him in 1982.

DAVE BAMBER (Forward). Dave got his professional chance with Blackpool after catching their eye when playing against them for the British Universities XI. He was the Tangerines' leading scorer in his last two seasons with them and was transferred to Coventry for £50,000 in 1983. Walsall signed him for a similar fee towards the end of last season.

RICHARD O'KELLY (Forward). Richard went straight into the Walsall side following his transfer from Alvechurch four seasons ago. He scored 14 goals last season and had netted six this term prior to last Saturday's game.



Back row (left to right): Brian Caswell, Kenny Mower, Phil Hawker, Steve Cherry, Dave Bamber, Colin Brazier, Peter Hart.

Front row: Mark Rees, David Preece, Craig Shakespeare, Gary Childs, Ian Handysides, Richard O'Kelly.

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Club News

SIMON MARLAND

In Retrospect

Tonight's game with the Saddlers will be the 9th Football League meeting with both sides having won on 3 occasions.

The first game took place in November 1899 when the sides played out a 2-2 draw at Walsall before approximately 4000 spectators. (Official attendances were not available in those days).

Barlow gave Bolton an early lead which they held until half time. Immediately after changing ends Dailly equalised and minutes later Martin put the home side into the lead by way of a penalty. Wanderers equaliser came from a scrimmage with Picken getting the final touch.

The return game at Burnden ended with the Wanderers running out 2-0 winners with goals from Brown and Bell on their way to promotion to the First Division. This game came in the middle of Boltons best ever defensive run in the Football League when they went 7 games without conceding a goal, winning 6 and drawing the other.

It was 72 years later when Walsall made their next visit and they registered their only win here to date with a first half goal from Colin Harrison in a Third Division game.

The game at Fellows Park in season 1971/72 ended in a 1-1 draw with Brian Taylor for the home side and John Byrom for the Wanderers getting onto the scoresheet.

Season 1972/73 saw the Wanderers going down to their first defeat at Walsall, who were at that time heading the Third Division. Goals from Bobby Shinton, John Woodward and Chris Jones gave the home side a first half advantage but second half goals from Paul Jones and Roy Greaves reduced the arrears to 3-2.

By the time Walsall visited Burnden that season it was the Wanderers who were challenging for promotion whilst Walsall had slipped into the lower reaches of the League.

John Byrom opened the scoring in the 18th minute making a superb comeback after a three match injury layoff. Walsall looked dangerous and they deserved their 36th minute equaliser from Bobby Shinton although it took Bolton only two minutes to regain the lead when Paul Jones headed a fine goal. The crowd of 14,924 had to wait until the 86th minute for another goal when Garry Jones nudged the ball home off the foot of full back Gregg.

Our paths didn't cross again until last season and in a game that most Walsall supporters will want to forget, saw the Wanderers run out 8-1 winners.

Tony Caldwell grabbed five of the goals to set up a new Wanderers scoring record in a Football League game.

Caldwell opened the scoring in the 18th minute and notched a second in the 22nd minute, both goals set up by Jeff Chandler. Ray Deakin got the third and Caldwell completed his hat trick just before half time and then notched another two in the 59th and 75th minutes. Simon Rudge scored the Wanderers seventh and Peter Valentine completed the rout in the 87th minute. Ally Brown pulled one back in the final minute with a goal that prevented Bolton from equalling their record League victory of 8-0 set in 1934.

The return at Walsall gave the Midlands revenge with a goal from Craig Shakespeare separating the sides. Tony Caldwell was again in the news, this time being sent off for retaliation in the 70th minute of the game after being booked in the first half. Wanderers manager John McGovern returned to the side for this game after 14 months on the sidelines.

The Wanderers record against Walsall reads:-

	Pt	W	D	L	F	A
Home	4	3	0	1	13	3
Away	4	0	2	2	5	7
Total	8	3	2	3	18	10

Down Memory Lane

15 years ago 27th September 1969. Bolton went down to a single goal defeat to Huddersfield Town at Leeds Road. Colin Dobson scored the all important goal for a town side that included Frank Worthington.

Full back John Ritson was dropped for the game with Paul Hallows reverting to right back and Geoff Roberts coming in for his first game of the season. John Byrom missed the game through illness his place being taken by Paul Fletcher.

4th October 1969. Swindon Town visited Burnden and inflicted the Wanderers third consecutive 1-0 defeat. A first half goal from Arthur Horsfield separated the sides before a crowd of 9,064.

John Byrom returned to the side but Roy Greaves missed his first game of the season due to suspension.

10 years ago. 28th September 1974. Neil Whatmore returned to the side for the visit of Notts County to Burnden and it was his goal in the 40th minute that gave the Wanderers the lead.

Nine minutes into the second half Ian Scanlon ran through the Wanderers defence that had pulled up claiming offside to clip the ball over Barry Sidalls head for the equaliser.

The 1-1 draw left the Wanderers without a win in the month of September and to complete the month with a bang, Jimmy Armfield left the club to join Leeds United after 3½ years at Burnden as manager.

5 years ago 29th September 1979. Bolton visited Norwich City with only one League win under their belts and despite giving a creditable performance went down 2-1.

The only change to the side was Neil McNab, Whatmore grabbing Bolton's goal after Justin Fashanu and Martin Peters had put the Canaries two up.

Frank Worthington had what looked like a good goal disallowed and also found his way into the referees notebook.

2nd October 1979. St. Mirren visited Bolton for the second leg of the quarter finals of the Anglo Scottish cup holding a 4-2 lead from the leg.

The Wanderers pulled a goal back in the 48th minute when Sam Allardyce headed home a Frank Worthington corner. In the 85th minute again Allardyce headed home to level the aggregate scores and so the game went into extra time.

If the result had remained at 4-4 the Wanderers would have gone through on the away goals rule but two minutes from time Jim Bone headed home to give the Scots a 5-4 aggregate win and a 2-1 defeat on the night.

6th October 1979. Bolton visited Derby County with Neil McNab returning to the side at the expense of Len Cantello who reverted to substitute.

It was a poor performance from the Wanderers who crashed 4-0 to goals from Paul Emson and a John Duncan hat trick.

Junior Whites News

Tonight's mascot is David Parkinson of Daisy Street Daubhill.

David is 13 years old and attends Deane School. His favourite player is Tony Caldwell.

Don't forget that Junior Whites are admitted free to the Bolton Programme Fair on Sunday 14th October 1984 commencing at 11 a.m. until 3.30 p.m. at the Pack Horse Hotel Bradshawgate. Thousands of programmes will be available.



Goals at last

The seven goals scored against Plymouth in the last home game meant the Wanderers avoided equalling the clubs worst League start to the season as far as finding the net at home is concerned. After failing to score against Bristol Rovers and Hull City it was on the cards that the opening to season 1902/03 would be equalled when it took four League games to open the account at Burnden. These games came during the clubs worst ever losing spell when eleven consecutive League games were lost between the end of season 1901/02 and the start of 1902/03.

To make matters worse the first victory of that season didn't come until the 24th game, although this was followed by 5 consecutive victories relegation was unavoidable.



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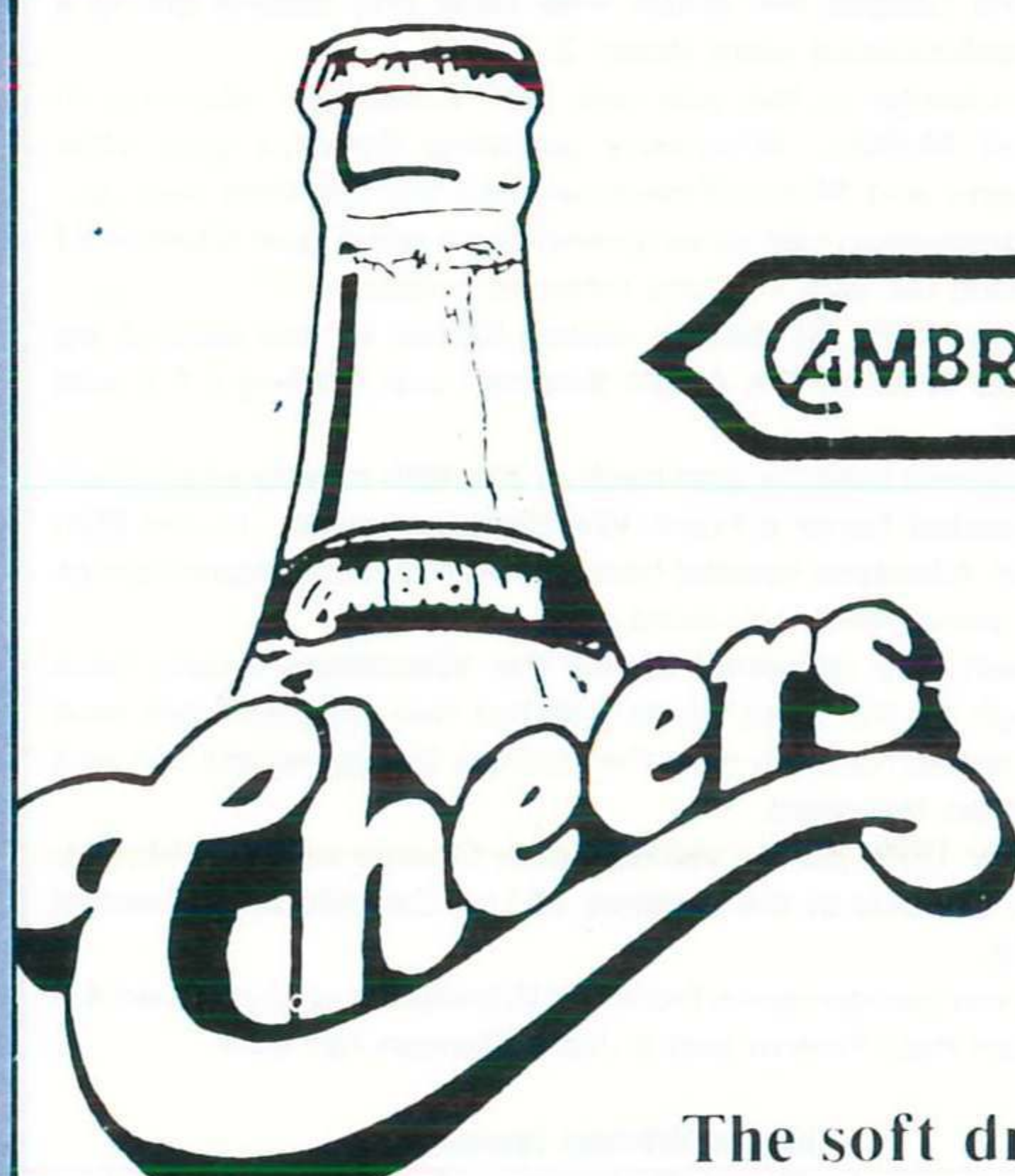
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IN RESERVE

19th September 1984 Oldham Athletic Reserves 2 v Bolton Wanderers Reserves 0

An experienced Bolton side went down to a youthful Athletic team that included former Wanderers' youth players Andy Hodgkinson, David Madden and Gary Jakeman.

The first goal came after some sloppy defensive work culminating in a backpass by Neil Berry that went straight into the path of Bob Colville who beat John Platt with an angled drive.



DEAN ROBERTS

The Wanderers created a few chances but the ones that did break through the Athletic defence found Brian Parkin in goal equal to them. Dean Roberts with a diving header and Tony Caldwell with a 25 yard shot were the only efforts of note in the first 45 minutes.

Two minutes into the second half Wayne Harrison burst through a static Bolton defence to shoot past the advancing John Platt.

Bolton's best efforts were restricted

to long range efforts from Paul Booth who was inches over from twenty yards and from Jeff Chandler whose free kick was deflected wide when heading for the net.

In the 84th minute John Platt made a tremendous save at the feet of Colville and this prompted Bolton into their best spell of the game. An exciting run down the right wing by Roger Walker saw him pull back for Graham Bell whose shot produced the save of the evening from Parkin.

In the dying seconds Julian Darby saw his header from a Bell cross plucked out of the air by Parkin to keep his goal intact.

Team: Platt, Walker, Roberts, Booth, Came, Berry, Chandler, Lodge, Crooks, Caldwell, Bell. Sub: Darby for Crooks (70 mins).

There were a couple of mistakes in the report for the home game with Doncaster Rovers in the Plymouth programme. The result should have read Bolton Reserves 2 Doncaster Reserves 3 and Doncaster's second goal was scored after eleven seconds and not one second of the half as printed.

The Penalty of Failure

The hush of expectancy that hung over Carrow Road as John Deehan strode up to take a penalty kick suddenly exploded into a groan of disbelief. Deehan, a proven spot kicker, had blasted his shot high and wide.

Liverpool were the recipients of this unintended generosity but when they conceded a further penalty to the Canaries in the final minutes of the game it was veteran Mick Channon who confidently picked up the ball set it on the spot and promptly drilled it low to Grobbelaar's left to earn a deserved 3-3 draw.

Manager Ken Brown afterwards revealed that he has a rule that the same player must not take more than one penalty in a match.

As for Channon he beamed: "I have never really given it any thought. It depends on the state of the game and who is feeling good.

"The majority of good players can take penalties quite comfortably, and there are five or six lads in our team who I would fancy to score.

"On this occasion 'Dixie' had missed earlier in the game and I got a penalty near the end. Dixie looked at me and I said: 'Give it us here if anyone is going to miss it is going to be me,' and that was it.

"Fortunately it went in. If it hadn't then I would have been the villain. But that's it you just have to get on and take it.

"I didn't feel any pressure, I just fancied I would score. All it needs is confidence. It is only a case of passing the ball 12 yards in the right place. Pick your spot and hit it with a bit of pace.

"If the 'keeper goes the right way then there is a chance he will get it . . . But it is more than an even money shot isn't it!"

'Dixie' Deehan likewise does not think being a penalty taker is anything special: "It was

unfortunate that I missed my first one this season but possibly I did not practice them enough during pre-season and I changed my mind against Liverpool.

"It takes a cool head really and a positive attitude . . . I wasn't having a great game against Liverpool and so it made sense for Mick to take the second kick.

"I wouldn't have wanted to put pressure on any of the other lads but Micky got me out of a tight spot and I was very grateful to him for that."

England squad goalkeeper Chris Woods who is on the other end of the penalty kick remarks that in training the spot looks miles away but when a penalty is awarded against him in a match "then they seem to be right on top of you."

"It is exactly the opposite for us," smiles John Deehan. In practice the goal is gaping, but come Saturday and it looks a million miles away . . . It's just a matter of mental adjustment I suppose."



John Deehan beats Watford goalkeeper Steve Sherwood from the spot.



Mick Channon celebrates his success against Liverpool.

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REILLY CEMENTS HIS FUTURE



The losers dressing room at Wembley Stadium is not the happiest of environments to be in but as the initial pangs of disappointment evaporated last May, the resolve of the Watford players was emphatically solid. They would be back to take the honours. For striker George Reilly it was a particularly memorable occasion. Just ten months prior he had found his soccer career crumbling around him at troubled Cambridge United and admits: "I was thinking of going back to brick-laying and playing part-time. I was in dispute with the club and was so disillusioned with the game. I could earn as much bricklaying as I was paid at Cambridge."

Then George's life turned inside out. Watford boss Graham Taylor, anxious to find a replacement for Ross Jenkins, stepped in with an offer of £90,000 and the beanpole striker, who had netted 36 goals in 138 appearances for Cambridge — many of them as a centre-half — was in the big time.

"People say that the First Division is easier to play in," says George, "but I found it difficult to settle in and the Vicarage Road crowd became a little impatient with me. I also picked up a couple of injuries which did not help but the boss stuck with me and kept playing me and I came through it in the end. Now the crowd are always behind me."

Luther Blissett and Ross Jenkins was a hard act to follow but over the season George became a better player as he worked hard at his game.

"My improvement must go down to Graham Taylor really," he says. "I get into better positions now, think more about my game and prepare better."

On Wembley's green carpet the big man, who struck up such a lethal partnership with little Mo Johnston, exhibited some elegant touches and suggested that he would not be out of place in the international arena.

"I would love to play for Scotland," he smiles, "what I have to do is keep playing my best for the club and hope that I get noticed. I keep giving Maurice Johnston £10 a week to give me a mention to Jock Stein, it's costing me a fortune!"

At 26, George figures he still has four or five good years to come. Having tasted the euphoria of a Cup Final appearance he can't wait to get back there again.

"I enjoyed the game, it was the result that sickened us," he says. "The worst part is when the other side go up for the cup and you are down there watching them. Next time I want to be the first up the steps."

Still the experience could do nothing but benefit the young Watford side who George believes is going to go on from strength to strength.

As for his own career it is hard to follow "a dream come true." The return of Luther Blissett into the Vicarage Road fold has also made life more difficult but in typical fashion George has responded to the personal threat with some grand performances.

His old fashioned virtues as a centre-forward have cemented more than one brick as Watford build for further success.

By Colin Benson

ROBSON FOR COMING



DAVE WATSON

(Norwich) out to surpass his namesake as an England player.

BOBBY ROBSON has made his first moves of a season that will be the most important in his managerial career so far.

By next summer we'll know if the 28 players Robson has invested England's future in are good enough to take us all the way to Mexico for the World Cup Finals in two years time.

The failure to reach the finals of the European Championships last summer and dismal displays against ordinary opposition, particularly at home, in the past couple of years is now forgotten. The yardstick by which Mr Robson will be judged is his success rate in the World Cup.

The period of experimentation has now evaporated into the immense tenseness of a World Cup campaign. Next month it starts for real with the opening qualifying match at Wembley against Finland.

In the normal run of events a game against the Finns would pose few problems but in recent years a dearth of world class individuals around the globe has led to a great levelling off between the established power houses of international football and those nations on the fringe and beyond.

Organisation and hard work has spiked many a reputation from Rio to Rome and from Moscow to Munich. Without the spark of genius even the greatest football powers can be humbled.

Thus there is no room for complacency as England prepare to face Finland. That is why the England manager turned the friendly international against East Germany this September into a full scale World Cup count-down.

COMMITMENT

He called up a massive squad of 28 players for that game and stressed: "This squad will provide most of my players for the next two years."

Mr Robson left them with no illusions as to what he wanted from them either. Using the East German get-together as a World Cup briefing he says: "It is important that the players know how I feel and what I want of them before they become immersed in their club careers this season.

"Rather than wait for Finland to arrive I wanted to stress how vital it is that we qualify for the World Cup. . . I want people committed to the cause."

The relative success of the youthful squad which toured South America last summer has provided a solid base to work from and all but Clive Allen,

I CALLS MITMENT

Simon Stainrod and David Armstrong were included in this season's first squad.

Bearing in mind that Glenn Hoddle and Graham Rix have still to come in, once they have overcome their injury problems, the squad offers a nice balance of experience and youth, skill and determination.

There was only one real surprise, the selection of Remi Moses, the Manchester United midfielder, chosen for a senior squad for the first time.

Moses, noted for his bite and ball winning skills, could provide Bobby Robson's team with the qualities another former Old Trafford favourite, Nobby Stiles, supplied to Alf Ramsey's World Cup winning combination in 1966.

NEW BOYS

Nobby's tigerish tackling and refusal to accept any situation as a lost cause gained a lot of unfavourable publicity but his infectious determination and willingness to battle provided the cornerstone from which the creative players could weave their magic.

Remi Moses, who won the last of his eight Under-21 caps three years ago, could also provide that ingredient for the current side and with tricky fixtures away to Turkey and Rumania we might just need it.

The introduction of Sheffield Wednesday right back Mel Sterland is another interesting prospect. Strong and powerful he also added some goals to the Under-21's successful European Championship win last season and will challenge strongly for Mike Duxbury's No. 2 shirt.

It is not so long ago that England were struggling to find a dominant successor to the veteran centre-half Dave Watson, who won the last of his 65 caps in 1982. Now it is another Dave Watson, Norwich City's 22-year-old captain, who is offering a serious challenge to Alvin Martin, Terry Butcher and Graham Roberts.

Robson has made no secret of his admiration for the determined attitude of Watson whom he watched recently defuse the explosive power of Cyrille Regis so convincingly that the West Brom striker became about as effective as a cannon without its powder.

Watson had made his claim to an international jersey on the South American tour as had another young prospect, Terry Fenwick of Queens Park

REMI MOSES

a shock call-up to the senior squad but he could prove a winner.



Rangers. With Mark Wright (Southampton), also in contention England would now seem to be very well equipped in this department of the game.

The ploy of fielding two deep-lying wingers who could break out wide with pace and control on that same summer tour produced enough evidence to suggest that it is a tactic worth persevering with, for home matches at least.

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John Barnes (Watford) and Mark Chamberlain (Stoke City) can be match winners on their day it is just a matter of harnessing their raw talents and getting more consistency from them.

It is also healthy to see the old guard attack of Mariner (Arsenal), Woodcock (Arsenal) and Francis (Sampdoria), pushed by the inclusion of youngsters Tony Hateley (A.C. Milan) and Gary Lineker (Leicester City), and of course Luther Blissett (Watford) freshly returned from his exile in Italy.

However, it is in midfield where I think we have the biggest problems. For me there is no equal to the skills of Glenn Hoddle but his fitness remains in doubt.

Captain Bryan Robson (Manchester United) and Ray Wilkins (A.C. Milan) must form the base but I have my doubts about Sammy Lee (Liverpool) and Steve Williams (Southampton) at this level.

In goal there can be little argument about the choice of Peter Shilton (Southampton), Chris Woods (Norwich City) and Gary Bailey (Manchester United). The Football League is still very rich in goalkeeping talent.

All in all Bobby Robson's selection would appear to be the best available although he has gone to pains to emphasise that the door is still wide open for any player showing the ability during the season.

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Star Profile

A look back at some of the Wanderers past players

Few players down the years could be classed as genuine "box-office" material.

But Wanderers snatched one such personality from under the noses of Aston Villa when they signed RAY WESTWOOD, an England Schoolboy triallist, in May 1928.

Westwood was to become famed as one of the most gifted of all inside forwards and in this week's feature on YESTERDAY'S HEROES we look at the career of the man who packed 'em into Burnden Park — even for Reserve matches.

THE rumour was that Ray Westwood was "finished". Mystery surrounded the knee injury that had dogged his early season form and a cloud hung over his career.

But that didn't stop double the average crowd for a Reserve team match turning up to see the famous Westwood in action in the Bolton 2nd XI at Burnden Park in September 1938.

And they weren't disappointed. Westwood confirmed his fitness, scoring one goal and "making" two more. After a "cautious" first half he played with all his customary flair and gave the fans a real treat.

That flair came in the form of a baffling body swerve, lightning speed and superb ball control that prompted this apt description from one regular observer:

"Westwood is a dainty dribbler who can travel faster with the ball at his feet than his pursuers can without it."

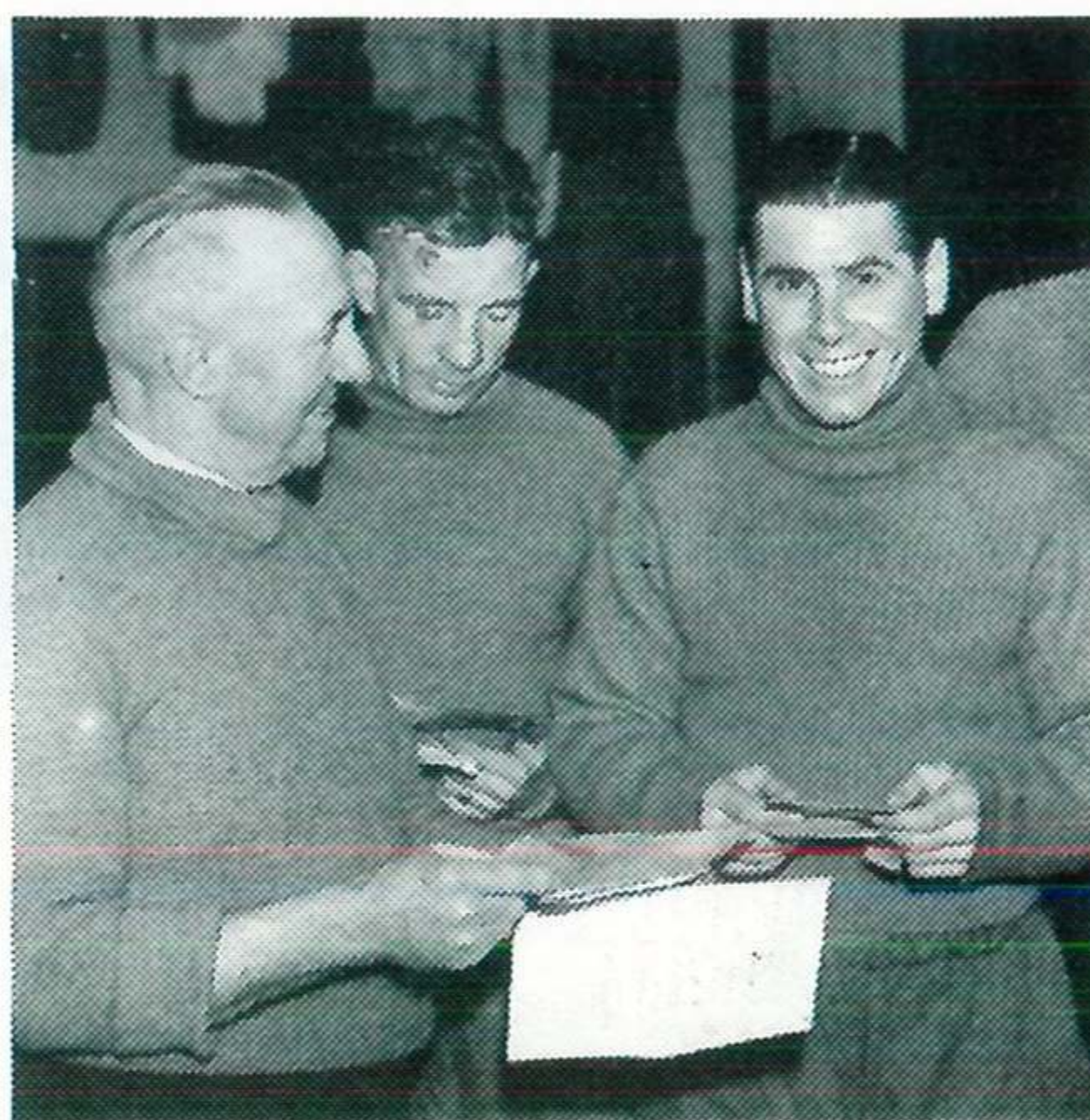
Westwood graced Burnden Park between signing for the Wanderers in May 1928 up to the day of his transfer to Chester on Boxing Day 1947.

He played 338 senior games, scoring 152 goals and earned international recognition with England gaining full caps against (twice), Scotland, Ireland, Holland and Germany.

His best season (figuratively) in Bolton colours was in 1934-35 when his 30 goals in 38 Second Division games was a major factor in helping Wanderers gain promotion back to the First Division.

Westwood was one of the most popular of all Wanderers players. But the club had to fight to get him to Burnden Park in the first place.

The young Westwood made a name for himself in his local school



Checking on fan mail — Westwood (right) with Wanderers' trainer Bob Young and team mate Harry Hubbick.

team at Brierley Hill, Staffordshire and actually gained selection for an England Schoolboys trial when he played alongside future League stars like Goulden (West Ham), Cliff Bastin (Arsenal), and Ronnie Dix (Blackburn Rovers).

Playing with the local side Brierley Hill Alliance, it wasn't long before Westwood was given a trial with Aston Villa. But on the recommendation of Jack Round — another Midlands lad who at the time was Wanderers' Reserve centre half — Wanderers moved in and signed him on amateur forms.

Wanderers pipped Villa that time and, as Ray recalled later, beat them to the punch a couple of years later.

"The Villa officials were waiting outside our house while Mr Foweraker, the Bolton manager, was signing me on professional forms for the Wanderers," he revealed.

Apart from his brilliant individual skill Westwood earned a great reputation with his partnership alongside winger Willie Cook on the left of the Bolton attack. They formed a duo that compared favourably with the Smith Vizard, Stoke-Marsh, Donaldson-Jones, White-McEwan, Jack-Butler combinations.

The sad thing was that the war years robbed Westwood and Wanderers of his best year. But even during that time, when he served with the Army and spent some time in Italy, he managed to play the odd forces game and kept himself in trim to give Wanderers another two years service after being demobbed.

He joined Chester in 1947 and spent a couple of years there before returning to business in his native Brierley Hill.

Ray Westwood, one of the all-time favourites of Burnden Park, died at his Brierley Hill home in January 1982, aged 69.



The slight-framed Ray Westwood in action in front of the packed Burnden terraces.

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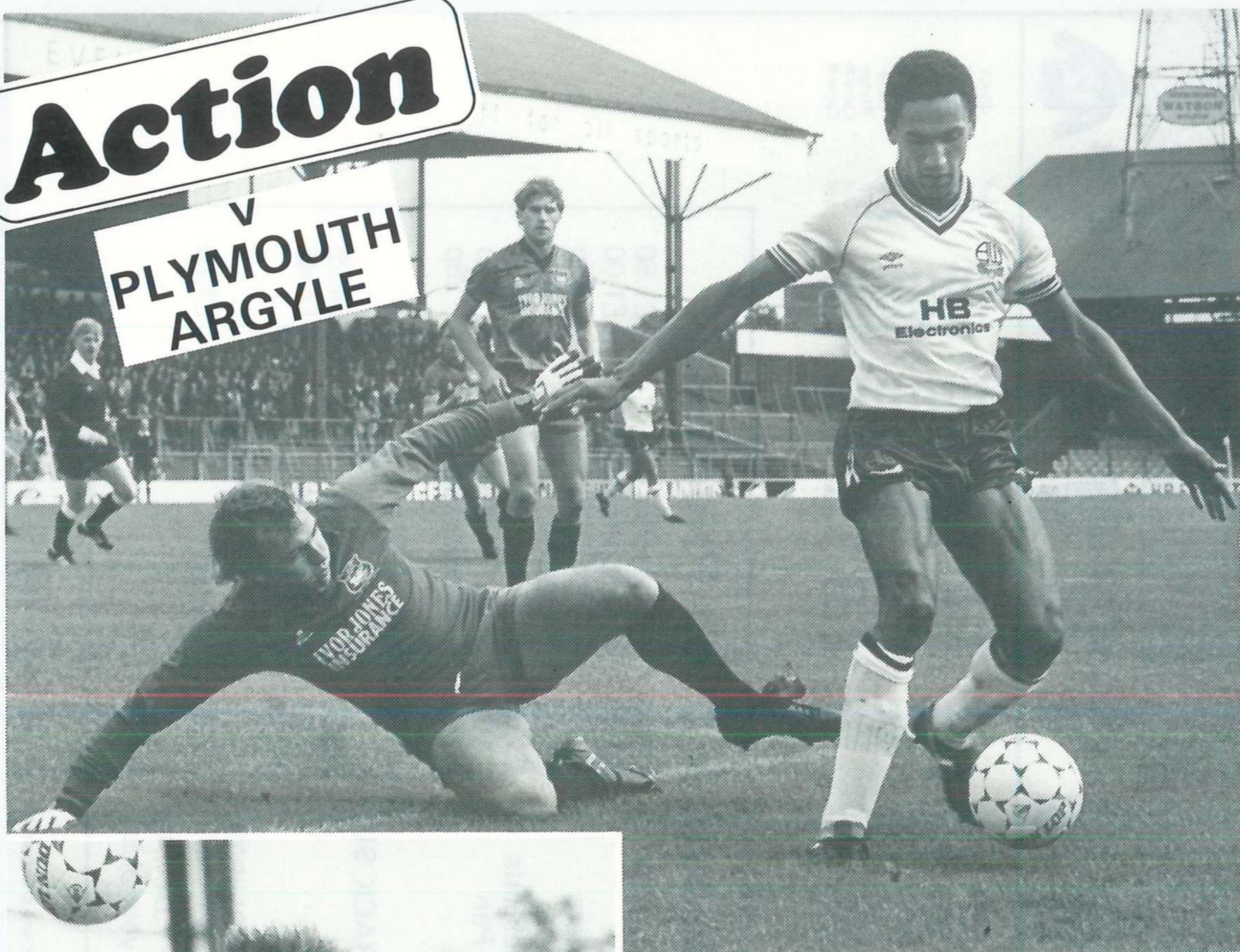
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George Oghani sets up the 2nd goal for Tony Caldwell.



Tony Caldwell in action.



John McGovern stood in for Wanderers' skipper Ray Deakin when he received kit sponsorship from Tom Ivers of Creeme Entertainments, Farnworth.

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Date Opponents

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1984	25	Bristol Rovers	0-1	4,469
Aug.	28	Oldham Athletic (MC1 1L)	2-1	3,286
Sept.	1	Derby County	2-3	11,478
	4	Oldham Athletic (MC1 2L)	4-4	4,010
	8	Hull City	0-0	5,403
	15	Rotherham United	1-3	3,926
	18	Swansea City	1-2	3,636
	22	Plymouth Argyle	7-2	3,876
	25	Shrewsbury Town (MC2 1L)	2-2	3,720
	29	Doncaster Rovers	0-2	4,850
Oct.	2	Walsall		
	6	Reading		
	9	Shrewsbury Town (MC2 2L)		
	13	A.F.C. Bournemouth		
	20	Preston North End		
	23	Bristol City		
	27	Burnley		
Mid-week		Milk Cup 3		
Nov.	3	Lincoln City		
	6	York City		
	10	Newport County		
	17	FA Cup 1		
	24	Gillingham		
Dec.	1	Brentford		
	8	FA Cup 2		
	15	Millwall		
	22	Cambridge United		
	26	Wigan Athletic		
	29	Bradford City		
1985				
Jan.	1	Orient		
	5	Bristol Rovers (FA 3)		
	12	Derby County		
	19	Hull City		
	26	Rotherham United (FA 4)		
Feb.	2	Doncaster Rovers		
	9	Plymouth Argyle		
	12	Walsall		
	16	Swansea City (FA 5)		
	23	Lincoln City		
	2	Burnley		
Mar.	5	Bristol City		
	9	Preston N.E. (FA 6)		
	16	A.F.C. Bournemouth		
	23	Reading		
	24	Milk Cup Final		
	29	York City		
Apr.	6	Wigan Athletic		
	9	Orient		
	13	Newport County (FA SF)		
	20	Gillingham		
	27	Brentford		
May	4	Millwall		
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	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	
Bristol Rovers	7	4	0	0	7	0	3	1	19
York City	7	2	1	0	6	3	9	4	17
Gillingham	7	2	1	0	7	1	6	4	16
Doncaster Rovers	7	3	0	1	7	3	7	4	15
Brentford	6	2	0	1	5	1	4	2	13
Millwall	7	3	0	0	7	1	6	7	13
Preston North End	7	2	0	1	4	4	9	10	12
Rotherham United	7	2	2	0	7	4	3	4	11
Derby County	7	3	1	0	8	4	1	3	11
Bristol City	7	2	1	0	7	4	4	7	11
Hull City	7	2	1	1	6	2	1	1	10
Bradford City	7	2	1	0	4	1	2	5	10
Walsall	7	2	1	1	10	6	2	5	9
AFC Bournemouth	7	2	0	1	5	3	1	5	8
Reading	7	1	1	1	2	4	3	5	8
Burnley	7	0	3	0	2	2	6	7	7
Plymouth Argyle	7	1	2	1	8	7	5	10	7
Newport County	6	1	2	0	4	3	1	4	6
Orient	7	1	0	3	4	9	3	4	6
Wigan Athletic	7	2	0	2	3	3	1	8	6
Bolton Wanderers	7	1	1	1	7	3	4	10	4
Swansea City	7	1	0	3	4	7	2	7	4
Lincoln City	7	0	2	1	3	4	2	6	3
Cambridge United	7	1	0	3	4	8	2	8	3

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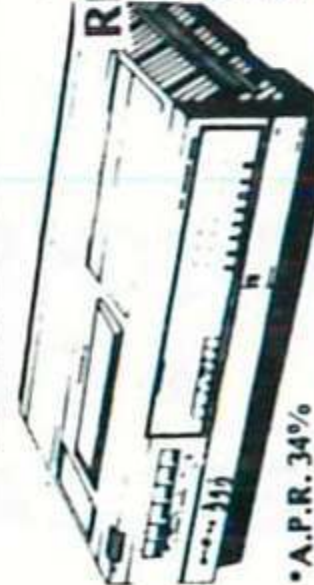
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1984		
Aug.	29 Rotherham United	4-0
Sept.	4 Leeds United	1-1
	12 Doncaster Rovers	2-3
	19 Oldham Athletic	0-2
Oct.	26 Hull City	2-1
	3 Middlesbrough	
	10 Port Vale	
	17 Grimsby Town	
	24 Leicester City	
	30 Preston North End	
Nov.	8 Blackpool	
	13 Wigan Athletic	
	21 Scunthorpe United	
	27 Burnley	
Dec	5 York City	
	10 Wolverhampton Wanderers	
	19 Sunderland	
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	23 Doncaster Rovers	
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Feb.	6 Middlesbrough	
	13 Hull City	
	20 Wigan Athletic	
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Mar.	7 Preston North End	
	11 Leicester City	
	19 Grimsby Town	
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	23 Sunderland	
May	1 Wolverhampton Wanderers	



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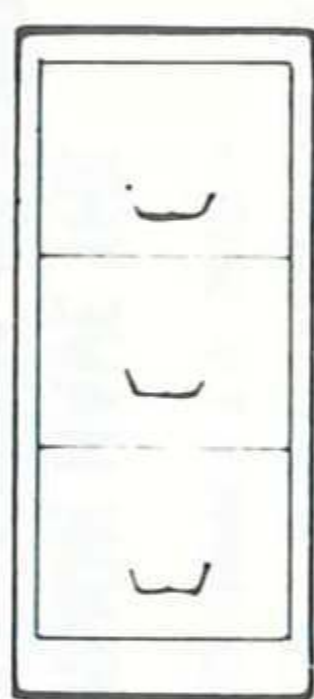
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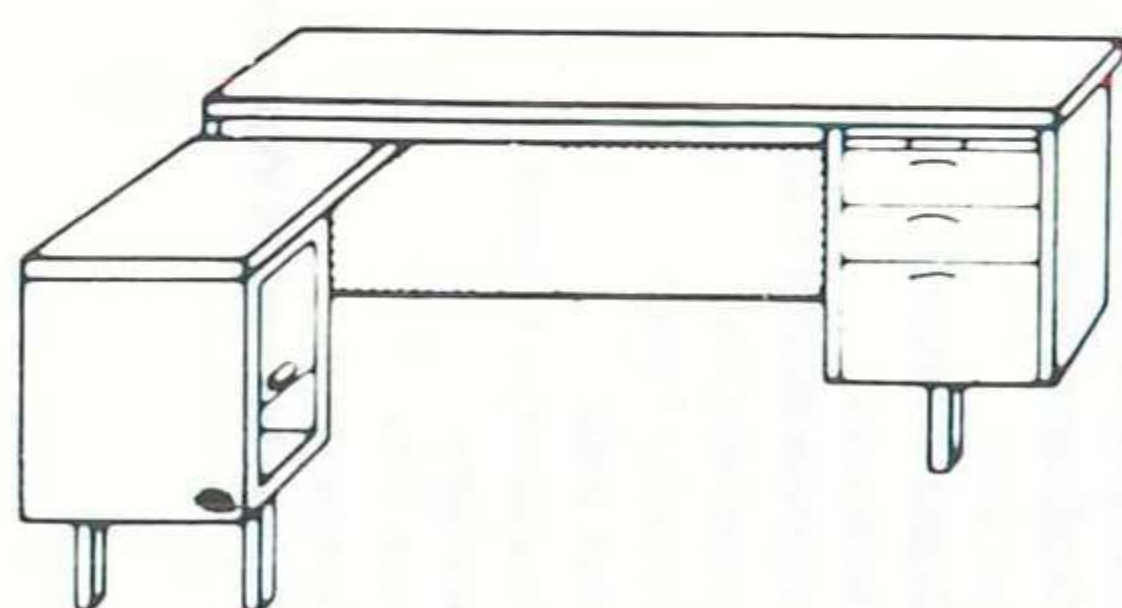
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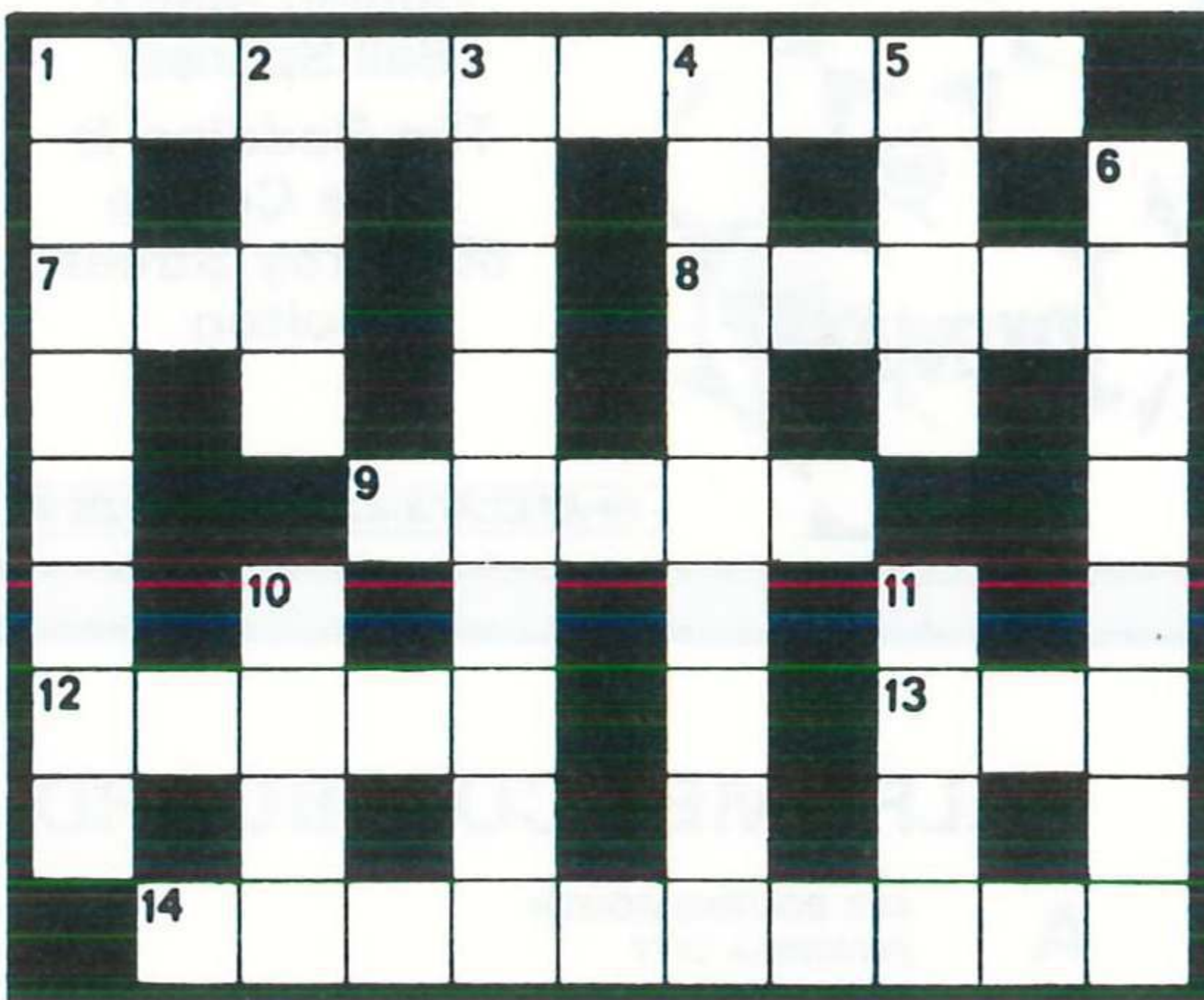
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2. Who was the World Manager of the Year for 1983?
3. In 1984 who became the youngest-ever scorer in the First Division?
4. Which club knocked the then holders, Manchester United, out of the 1983/84 FA Cup?
5. Which club had the succession of 'colourful' managers Green, Gray and Goulden?

Answers to No. 4

1. Maidstone, 2. Kenny Dalglish, 3. Sporting Lisbon, 4. John Hunting, 5. There was no play-off!

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

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Re-order the letters in each of the words **AWARDS** and **GRADIENTS** to reveal two "OLD EIRE MEN"

Answers to No. 4: BURDEN and REEVES

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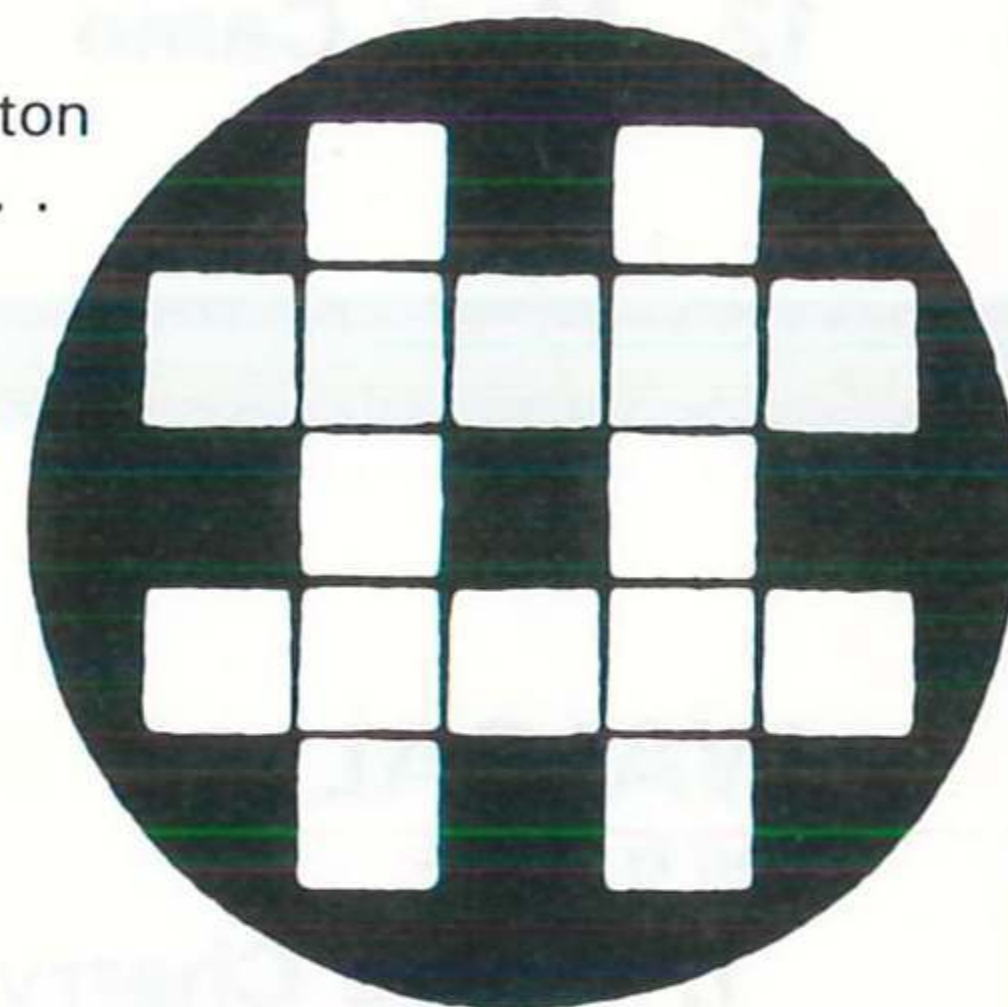
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Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

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Orient boss after Knighton
A high-scoring Moss . . .
. . . and another



Answers to No. 4: GREEN, DROPS, DEANS, SPINK.

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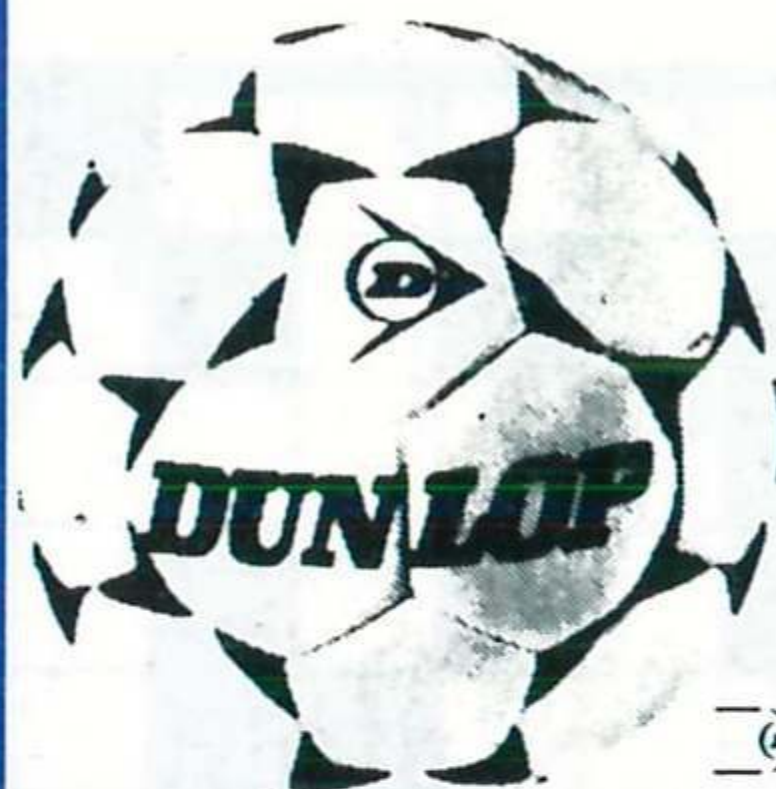
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2. Peter Hart
3. Kenny Mower
4. Craig Shakespeare
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6. Phil Hawker
7. Ian Handysides
8. Dave Bamber
9. Richard O'Kelly
10. David Kelly
11. Gary Childs
- 12.

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